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SUBJ: MEDIUM TERM AID DISCUSSION WITH PM DIOUF

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1. SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER DIOUF RECEIVED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM NEWS OF POSSIBLE US MEDIUM TERM DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL. HE PLEDGED FULL COOPERATION OF GOS AND PROMISED HIS PERSONAL INTERVENTION, WHENEVER NECESSARY, TO FACILITATE TASK OF DESIGN TEAMS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN DAKAR THIS MONTH. PM VOLUNTEERED TO SPUR OTHER GOS EFFORTS NECESSARY TO ASSURE US ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING NEW MEDIUM TERM PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCOMPANIED BY ADO MCADAMS, I CALLED ON PM DIOUF APR 2 ON EVE OF 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF SENEGALESE INDEPENDENCE TO BRIEF HIM ON ASPECTS OF ABIDJAN COM MEETING DEALING WITH ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL. I STRESSED IMPERATIVE OF CONCENTRATED AND PERSEVERING JOINT US/SENEGALESE EFFORTS TO ASSURE MOST EFFECTIVE RESULTS OF FORTHCOMING
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LIVESTOCK AND CEREALS PROJECT DESIGN TEAMS, POINTING OUT

THAT US HAD SET ASIDE SIGNIFICANT FUNDS SPECIFICALLY FOR IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN THOSE TWO SECTORS BUT MUCH REMAINED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED THIS FISCAL YEAR TO ASSURE SOUND PROJECTS MEETING BOTH USG AND GOS REQUIREMENTS AND LOOKING TO ACTUAL AUTHORIZATION. I DESCRIBED BROAD LINES OF PROJECTS AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED. PM ASKED WHETHER THESE WERE REGIONAL OR BI-LATERAL PROJECTS. I SAID THAT AUTHORIZED PROJECTS WERE GEARED TO OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF CRITICAL SAHEL DROUGHT-RELATED PROBLEMS AND WHILE SIMILAR ACTIVITIES WERE PLANNED FOR NEIGHBORING STATES THESE SPECIFIC PROJECTS WERE TO BE REALIZED WITH GOS, RATHER THAN ANY REGIONAL ORGANIZATION.

3. I TOLD PM THAT WHILE CONSENSUS SEEMED TO BE THAT EMERGENCY SITUATION IN SENEGAL SOMEWHAT BETTER, IN CERTAIN RESPECTS, THAN IN SOME OTHER SAHEL STATES, CAREFUL US ASSESSMENT IS THAT DROUGHT CONTINUES TO BE MAJOR PROBLEM HERE, SEVERELY WEAKENING ALREADY DEFICIENT NATIONAL ECONOMY. AFTER REVIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION, FOLLOWING HIS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SENEGAL'S OMISSION FROM FIRST FY 1974 EMERGENCY GRAIN ALLOCATION, US NOW SCHEDULED 10,000 MT FOR SENEGAL. QUOTA DIVIDED ABOUT EVENLY BETWEEN BI-LATERAL AND WFP CHANNELS. THUS, ALONG WITH 1.3 MILLION USDOS R AND R AGREEMENT WHICH FONMIN AND I SIGNED LAST MONTH, US WOULD HAVE EMERGENCY, R AND R, AND MEDIUM TERM PROGRAMS ONGOING SIMULTANEOUSLY IN SENEGAL. SOUND AND EFFECTIVE REALIZATION OF EACH WOULD REQUIRE OUR CONTINUING CLOSE COLLABORATION.

4. PM INTERRUPTED ME TO SAY HE WOULD CALL IN APPROPRIATE MINISTERS THAT AFTERNOON TO INSTRUCT THEM TO PROVIDE FULL AND IMAGINATIVE COOPERATION TO DESIGN TEAM ON PRIORITY BASIS. HE WAS PLEASED THAT I HAD COME DIRECTLY TO HIM, SO THAT HE COULD SEE THAT SENEGAL DID NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY. I SHOULD SEIZE HIM ANY TIME AT WORK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR AT HOME IF THERE WERE SENEGALESE BOTTLENECKS. I PROMISED TO DO SO.

5. COMMENT: PM VISIBLY ELATED WITH MEDIUM TERM ASSISTANCE PROSPECTS WHICH I CONVEYED WITH CAVEAT AND CAUTION. HE WILL CERTAINLY REPORT TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON THESE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO LIVESTOCK AND CEREALS PROJECTS. WE CAN COUNT

ON PM'S FULL SUPPORT IN GEARING UP GOS FOR IMPORTANT
TALKS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. HOWEVER, IN INTEND
TO BRIEF SENGHOR DIRECTLY WHEN MEDIUM TERM
PROGRAM REACHES SOMEWHAT MORE ADVANCE STAGE.
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